THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The following three taxi stands in the National Capital Territory of Delhi have been identified for removal:—

(i) Indian Taxi Services, Rao Tula Ram Marg, Sec. VIII, R. K. Puram;

(ii) Yadav Taxi Service, Rao Tula Ram Marg, Sec. VIII, R.K. Puram; and

(iii) Rao Taxi Stand, Africa Avenue Road, Bhikaji Cama Place.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) No complaint of any nature has been received from any quarter for removal of taxi stand located at Sector-12, R.K. Puram (near dispensary). There is, therefore, no proposal under consideration for removal of this taxi stand.

Crime-Rate in Bihar

3424. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar tops in crime and that 16 persons are killed every hours there;

(b) if so, the number of crimes committed in Bihar from 1991 to 1996, yearwise;

(c) the corresponding crime figures during 1991 and 1996 with respect to other States and Union territories; and

(d) Government's reaction to this alarming rise in crime in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Available information about the incidence of cognizable crime (IPC) in the country during the period 1991 to 1996 is enclosed. [*See Appendix 180, Annexure No. 70*]

(d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the concern of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government also been assisting the States by way of sharing intgelligence, extending financial support for strengthening their policing infrastructure and providing guidelines for improving the functioning of Criminal Justice system.

SPG Security cover for Ex-Prime Ministers

3425. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing SPG Security cover to all the ex-Prime Ministers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the SPG security is also provided to the family members of all ex-Prime Ministers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount being spent on this security covers per-annum; and

(f) whether Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda, an ex-Prime Minister is also covered under SPG security cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) As per the provisions of the SPG Act, as amended, SPG is responsible for providing security to the former Prime Ministers and their immediate Family members for a period of ten years from the date of demission of their offices. However, due to shortage of manpower, SPG has not been able to extend its cover to 4 of its protectees (immediate family members).

(e) It is not possible to give the exact figures of expenditure incurred by the

Government on the security of former Prime Ministers as some items of expenditure like administrative infrastructure, training facilities, certain types of equipment, vehicle are common for the security of Prime Minister as well as for the security of former Prime Ministers. Approximate expenditure incurred on the security of former Prime Ministers and their family members by SPG during 1996-97 was Rs. 24.28 crores.

(f) No Sir.

Lower Pay Scale recommended for BSF

3426. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL: SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scale of second-in-command of BSF has been recommended to be lower from Rs. 4100-5300 to Rs. 3700-5000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to remove this anomally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The recommendations of Vth Pay Commission in this regard are under examination by the Government.

Family ruined due to Addiction to Lotteries

3427. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the total annihilation of a family in the capital recently, which was totally ruined because of addiction to lotteries;

(b) if so, whether Government have since examined the need for abolition of lottery system which results in the ruin of multitudes of families year after year; especially in view of the latest decisions of the Delhi High Court permitting the running of lotteries; and

(c) the steps that have been/are being taken to abolish the lottery system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government does not conduct any lottery of its own. However, with a view to avoiding malpractices, etc., the Central Government has, from time to time, issued guidelines to the State Government for regulating the lottery trade. The Supreme Court of India vide its interim order dated 21.4.1994 has also regulated the lottery trade considerably. It is felt that it would be desirable to await the final judgement of the apex court before considering enactment of a Central legislation in the matter.

NGOs getting Foreign Funds in Andhra Pradesh

3428. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Non-Governmental Organisations in Andhra Pradesh getting foreign funds of Rs. One lakh or more and names of the funding countries;

(b) the Non-Governmental Organisations in Andhra Pradesh getting Rs. 5 lakhs and above, and the names of funding agencies;

(c) the names of the Non-Governmental Organisations which have been black-listed by the Ministry of Welfare; and

(d) the steps being taken to monitor the utilisation of the funds by the Non-Governmental Organisations?